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ABSTRACT

The Saturday Institute for Manhood, Brotherhood Actualization (SIMBA) is a collaborative effort of 12 community organizations that combine resources and ideas to reduce risk factors and increase resilience for young African American males. The program offers youth, aged 9 to 16, who reside at the Lorenzo Benn Youth Development Campus, training that focuses on health education, vocational development, African American history, and aesthetic arts. The SIMBA acronym is a Kiswahili word that means "young lion." Since the program began in August 1991, over 250 incarcerated young men have been served each year. This Replication Manual and the accompanying "Blueprint Resource Manual" are guided resources for organizations and institutions across the country that want to implement the SIMBA model program with at-risk youth as a community intervention or prevention program. The first two parts of the replication manual provide a detailed procedure and description of the program implementation to replicate the SIMBA model. Part III discusses the challenges of working at a detention facility. Parts IV and V address public relations strategies and program evaluation. Part VI describes program modifications that have taken place since the end of the initial federal funding period in April 1994. Twenty-three attachments for Parts I though VI follow this section. These documents include an organizational chart, documents used in the program, and instruments for measuring outcomes. The last section, Part VII, is the African American history curriculum and its appendixes. The appendixes are 35 profiles of African American leaders. The "Blueprint Resource Manual" contains information on establishing a SIMBA program. The following sections are included: (1) "Initiating the SIMBA Coalition"; (2) "Organizing the SIMBA Coalition"; (3) "Evaluating the Effectiveness of the SIMBA Coalition"; and (4) seven appendixes that contain forms used in the establishment and evaluation of a SIMBA coalition. (SLD)

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